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Separate Zone for North East
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has recently pleaded for a separate time zone for the entire northeast to increase productivity and reduce power consumption and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Russia follows eleven different time zones and the US five different time zones whereas India geographically requires atleast two different time zones to optimize work efficiency and save on energy consumption and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether in 2006 the Planning Commission took up cudgels on behalf of the North East States and had argued in favour of two different time zones and if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI Y.S. CHOWDHARY)

(a) No, Madam. No such request has been received by this Ministry.

(b) Yes, Russia follows eleven different time zones and the US has nine different time zones by law. However, China with larger spread has only one time zone. India also has one time zone.

(c) No Madam.

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